

CLAIMS:

1. A method to enter information, comprising:

selecting a parameter for a network device;

5 receiving an analog voice signal having a value for said network parameter;

determining said value from said analog voice signal; and

associating said value with said parameter.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting comprises:

10 receiving a signal for each time a button is activated;

counting a number of times said signal is received; and

selecting said parameter corresponding to said number.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said parameter comprises one of a group

15 comprising a network address parameter, a device name parameter, a password

parameter, a control code parameter and a security code parameter.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said network address is an Internet Protocol
address.

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5. The method of claim 1, further comprising storing said value with said parameter.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending said value and said parameter to a display.

7. A method to provision a network appliance, comprising:

5 selecting a parameter by counting a number of times a key is pressed;
receiving voice information with a value for said parameter;
retrieving said value from said voice information;
displaying said retrieved value; and
associating said retrieved value with said parameter.

10 8. An article comprising:

a storage medium;

said storage medium including stored instructions that, when executed by a
processor, result in selecting a parameter for a network device, receiving an analog voice
15 signal having a value for said network parameter, determining said value from said
analog voice signal, and associating said value with said parameter.

9. The article of claim 8, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a

processor, further result in selecting said parameter by receiving a signal for each time a

20 button is activated, counting a number of times said signal is received, and selecting said
parameter corresponding to said number.

10. The article of claim 8, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a processor, further result in selecting a parameter from a group comprising a network address parameter, a device name parameter, a password parameter, a control code parameter and a security code parameter.

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11. The article of claim 8, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a processor, further result in storing said value with said parameter.

12. The article of claim 8, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a processor, further result in sending said value and said parameter to a display.

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13. An article comprising:
a storage medium;
said storage medium including stored instructions that, when executed by a processor, result in provisioning a network appliance by selecting a parameter by counting a number of times a key is pressed, receiving voice information with a value for said parameter, retrieving said value from said voice information, displaying said retrieved value, and associating said retrieved value with said parameter.

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14. The article of claim 13, wherein the stored instructions, when executed by a processor, further result in storing said value with said parameter.

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15. An apparatus to enter information for a network node, comprising:
- an activation component to select a parameter;
- a speech recognition component to receive analog voice signals having a value for said parameter and retrieving said value from said analog voice signals; and
- 5 a configuration component to store said retrieved value with said parameter.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising said activation component, said speech recognition component, and said configuration component operating during a system initialization process.

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